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Warriors: A Brand New Start

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Warriors- Erin Hunter

Chapter 1

Darkheart woke up from her long slumber in the Medicine Cat's den and stretched out. "Darkheart!" a young gray tom walked towards her. "Yes Icepaw?" Darkheart purred. Icepaw nudged her flank and she nudge his back. "I am ready for today's training!" Darkheart nodded and padded over to the herbs. "Now, what kind of berry can kill a cat?" Darkheart glared at Icepaw for a answer. "A deathberry!" Icepaw exclaimed with a loud purr. "Very good!" She nudged his small muzzle.

The leader of the Ashclan, Leafstar, howled off of her tree bark "Everyone who is capable of catching their own prey, come here!". "I guess that means us." Icepaw shrugged and padded down the steap slope to the bark with Darkheart close behind. "I wonder what the meeting will be about!" Icepaw exclaimed, his tail swaying with excitement. "Be quiet it's going to start!" Darkheart hissed. The two cats looked above at their leader standing proudly on the tree next to her brave deputy Lionclaw.

Leafstar waited for us all to gather and then she looked straight at the clouds."Fellow Ashclan warriors, I am proud to say that the twolegs have officially left our territory!" she meowed loudly. Yowls of agreement and joy filled the air. Leafstar waited for the sound to die out before she spoke again. "I have also another small announcement of good news. Our dawn patrol stated that we will be rich in fresh kill this Newleaf!" Leafstar twitched her tail happily. Yowls of joy hung about in the air.

Darkheart looked up at the misty clouds and noticed something bad was going to happen-- the fur on her neck tingled with fright. "There will be a unnecessary death today!" Darkheart muttered under her breath. Icepaw overheard and shook with fright. "Should

we tell Leafstar?" Icepaw exclaimed nervously twitching his ears. Darkheart nodded and slowly the two cats worked their way up to the tree.

"L- Leafstar." Icepaw stuttered his face filled with fright. "Yes Icepaw and Darkheart?" Leafstar meowed cautiously glaring at Darkheart. "The sky..." Icepaw spat before he sank down into his paws. "What about the sky?" Leafstar stared at the sky with her tail flickering nervously. "There will be a unnecessary death today, Leafstar." Darkheart meowed. Leafstar's fear scent blew up into the air. Lionclaw's eyes turned into small slits. "Could this possibly be for our clan?" Lionclaw paused at the screaming of a cat. "Hurry! Icepaw! Darkheart! Come quick! Something happened to Goldtail!".

The five cats continued to the spot where Goldtail layed almost motionless. "Do you have any idea of what happened?" Darkheart hissed. "No. I found the poor elder having a breathing problem." the tabby meowed. "Icepaw! Go to my den and grab some moss and dip it in the river!" Darkheart spat as Icepaw nodded and dashed away . Darkheart hopped on a big stone near the elder and put her paws on his chest. She pushed on the elders chest keeping a fast and soft pace.

The elder made a coughing noise and started to breath again! "Keep it up Darkheart!!" Lionclaw meowed encouragingly. Icepaw dashed in and hopped on the rock next to Darkheart. The small apprentice layed down the moss next to the elder. "Bite the moss Goldtail. Drink up the water so it will clear your lungs." Darkheart meowed as she nudged the moss in front of him. Weakily, Goldtail drinked the water from the moss. "You feeling a slight bit better?" Icepaw nudged the old cat's flank.

"Yes.Thanks to you two, I am still alive. I am sure Starclan spared my life. I hope they spare yours too when your time comes." Goldtail purred and got up limping. Slowly the old tom crawled back into the elders den. "You did good Icepaw. I am sure you will make a absoulutely great Medicine Cat." Darkheart purred and nudged the young apprentice's leg. "You too." Icepaw nudged her flank.

I thank you so much Silversky for helping to save Goldtail's life. I

would like to see you in my den." Leafstar meowed. Leaftstar flicked her tail and summoned Lionclaw and Silversky to come with her. The three cats padded away into the den. "What should we do now?"Icepaw questioned peering up at the gloomy sky. Darkheart thought at all the things the young cats could do. "I say tomorrow we should take a small trip to the Moonstone to share tongues with Star Clan." Darkheart purred.

"Really! I can't wait!" The young tom purred and his eyes glittered with excitement. "But before we go, we need to collect some herbs. We can't leave the clan with nothing!" Darkheart meowed stretching her thin body. "Let's go now!" Icepaw jumped up and padded toward the camp exit. "Fine." Darkheart purred thinking about how energetic the cat is. The two Medicine cat's dashed through the forest endlessly searching.

Darkheart sniffed the air for any herbs nearby. Juniper Berries! "Icepaw come." Darkheart meowed while she leaped up a few rocks. Icepaw slowly padded behind looking troubled."What is it?" Darkheart scarcely looked at Icepaw. "Taste the air. I smell badger near by." Icepaw scowled at the stench. Darkheart smelt the stench too. It was a freshly made scent. "Let's quickly get the berries and hurry out of here." Darkheart padded up to the bush and took as many as her mouth could hold, but enough to saver some. "Run!" Icepaw hissed running dropping some berries as a badger came tearing behind them.

Darkheart dashed for her life keeping the same pace as Icepaw. The two cats hopped down from the rocks, then peered behind their backs to see if the badger was still following them. The badger stopped at the top of the rocks and snarled. The two cats scurried as fast as they could back into the camp. Icepaw dropped the berries and ran outside the leaders den. "Leafstar!" Icepaw meowed poking his head in. "Come in Icepaw!" Leafstar faintly said. Icepaw went in while Darkheart scooped up the remaining berries and placed them in her den.

"Darkheart?" Lionclaw padded in looking troubled. "Yes?" Darkheart purred while putting the berries down. Normally Lionclaw comes for advice or sometimes asks on Icepaw's knowledge. "Well.." Lionclaw moved his paws nervously sheathing and unsheathing his

claws. "I think Icepaw should get his warrior name.." he blurted out. "Really? So do I!" Darkheart meowed happily twitching her tail. She organized the rest of the herbs and placed it in the corner.

"I think your here for another reason." Darkheart mewed staring at Lionclaw. The tom nodded and padded closer. "I think we might have to tell Icepaw about his mother." Lionclaw muttered. Darkheart closed her eyes and thought about Icepaw's mom. She was a beautiful young tabby. Her sandy pelt kept her greatly camoflauged with her bright white tuff of fur. Her name was Sandheart.

Sandheart was a noble cat. She mated with Lionclaw's littermate, Thrushfoot. When Sandheart was kitting, she never made it through. Thrushfoot was stricken with grief. Icepaw's littermates were Raggedpaw and Dapplepaw. They all made it through thanks to the queen, Gorsetail. Ever since the 3 apprentices opened their eyes, they thought Gorsetail was their mother. Putting the thoughts in the back of her mind she saw Lionclaw staring at her.

"I say we tell all three of the apprentices. We shouldn't let just one tell the others. It would be much easier to tell them all." Darkheart meowed. She took a quick glance around and sat down. "I believe your right Darkheart. When should we tell them?" Lionclaw quickly sat down. "I say when-" Darkheart was interupted with Icepaw padding in with Leafstar a fox-length away.

"Hello Darkheart. Are you okay from the badger attack?" Leafstar said looking around the den warilly. "I am fine, thanks for asking." Darkheart meowed standing up. Lionclaw moved to the leaders side. Lionclaw whispered something in Leafstar's ear and she nodded. "Icepaw, please get Dapplepaw and Raggedpaw." Leafstar ordered.

Icepaw nodded and dashed out of the den. "We will hold a warrior ceramony." Leafstar stated walking out the den entrance. Darkheart was full of happiness. Icepaw and his littermates are becoming Warriors! Lionclaw padded up and whispered in Darkheart's ear "We should tell them about their mother at their vigil."

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Leafstar's head was pounding with thoughts. She lazily padded into her den and sat on the moss. "Leafstar?" Lionclaw meowed peering his head around the corner of the den. "Come in Lionclaw." Leafstar ordered staring around her giant den. "I think... that while Icepaw and his litter-mates are doing thier vigil, we could tell them about their mother." Lionclaw suggested looking at his paws.

"Perhaps, it will give them something to think about." Leafstar muttered. Lionclaw dipped his head and dashed out the den entrance. I think we should have the ceremony now. Leafstar shook the tiny pieces of moss off her fur, and padded out the den entrance to the high rock.

"Let all cats old enough to catch their own prey gather under the high rock for a clan meeting." Leafstar yowled. The apprentices already knew about their ceremonies. "Tonight, we will celebrate the Warrior Ceremony of Icepaw, Dapplepaw, and Raggedpaw." Leafstar said with a shaky breath.

"I, Leafstar, leader of Ash Clan, call upon my warrior ancestors to look down upon this apprentice. She has trained hard to under stand the ways of your noble code, and I commend him/her to you as a warrior in his/her turn. Dapplepaw, do you promise to uphold the warrior code, and protect and defend this Clan, even at the cost of your life?"

" I do." Dapplepaw said, her eyes gleaming with pride."Then by the powers of StarClan, I give you your warrior name: Dapplepaw, from this moment on you will be known as Dappletail. StarClan honors your bravery and your courage and we welcome you as a full warrior of Ash Clan." Leafstar said proudly as she rested her head on Dappletail. Dappletail licked her shoulder and stood next to her old mentor, Raventail.

"I, Leafstar, leader of Ash Clan, call upon my warrior ancestors to look down upon this apprentice. He has trained hard to under stand the ways of your noble code, and I commend her to you as a warrior in her turn. Raggedpaw, do you promise to uphold the warrior code, and protect and defend this Clan, even at the cost of your life?"

"I do." Raggedpaw said shakily. "Then by the powers of StarClan, I give you your warrior name: Raggedpaw from the moment on you will be known as Raggedfur. Starclan honors your strength and your faith and we welcome you as a full warrior of Ash Clan." Leafstar said and took in a heavy breath as Raggedfur padded over to her. He licked her shoulder and Leafstar rested her head gently on him. He licked her shoulder and went next to Raventail, Dappletail, and his mentor Gorsefur.

"Now time for the medicine cat apprentice to get his name." Leafstar muttered. "Darkheart please come up here." Leafstar ordered and she padded up shaking a little bit.

"I, Leafstar, leader of Ash Clan, call upon my warrior ancestors to look down upon this apprentice. He has trained hard to under stand the ways of your noble code, and I commend her to you as a warrior in her turn. Icepaw, do you promise to uphold the warrior code, and protect and defend this Clan, even at the cost of your life?" Leafstar said.

"Then by the powers of Starclan , I give you yours warrior name : Icepaw, from moment on you will be known as Iceheart. StarClan honors your faith and determenation and we welcome you as a medicine cat of Ash Clan." Leafstar finished while Iceheart gleamed and padded up happily.

"Iceheart, Dappletail, Raggedfur!" The clan chanted. After everyone was settled Leafstar returned to the middle of camp to get a piece of fresh-kill. Leafstar picked a nice plump rabbit. Iceheart and Darkheart padded toward Leafstar and stopped waiting for her to finish her piece. "It's fine, you can talk to me." Leafstar nodded. "Iceheart and I are going to the moonstone." Darkheart stated. I nodded and they headed toward the tunnel.

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Leafstar thought about the new warriors vigil. She wondered if she should tell them before. She thought about it and picked she would tell them before their vigil. Lionclaw padded up looking puzzled. "Have you seen Darkheart?" Lionclaw questioned. "Yes, she just left to go to the moon stone with Iceheart." Leafstar replied quietly. "Oh. Well thanks." Lionclaw got up and padded away with his tail drooping.

After a few hours, it turned to night. Lionclaw and Gorsetail came with Leafstar to tell them gently. "Dappletail, Raggedfur, it is almost time for vigil but before that.. We have to say something." Leafstar said in a gentle tone. The six cats padded to the edge of the camp to prepare for the vigil. "This might be hard to believe but--" Lionclaw started but Gorsetail silenced him with her tail. "Like Lionclaw was saying, I am not your real mother." Gorsetail said very gently.

The two cats stood there, not knowing what to do. Lionclaw told them about Sandheart. They look scared or a little bit more confused. "You see, while you were being born.... Your mother didn't make it. She lost alot of blood but our older medicine cat--Rockshade-- when Darkheart was just a apprentice--Rockshade did everything in her power." Gorsetail said looking at her paws. "I think we should leave them alone for their vigil now.." Leafstar suggested.

The two young cats nodded very slowly then turned and looked at the silverpelt.

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Darkheart could feel Leafstar's glare on the back of her pelt as she left the camp. "This is going to be exciting! My first time to the moonstone as a warrior!" Iceheart chirped like a thrush. "It may be exciting but I have to tell you something along the way." Darkheart said hopping over a few logs. Darkheart took in a shakey breath.

"Gorsetail isn't your mother." Darkheart spat out as she heard Iceheart's claws scrape the ground. He went into a complete frozen mode. Darkheart explained what happened to his mother, all about it. "I highly bet you will be able to meet her when we reach the moonstone." Darkheart said stroking Iceheart's face gently with her tail. He slightly growled then he dashed into the forest. "Iceheart!" Darkheart yowled with panic.

Where could he have gone! Darkheart used her tracking skills and dashed after his scent trail. Darkheart's fear scent reeked around her. Finally she reached where his scent ended--- the moonstone! She wondered if he wanted a headstart. She padded into the cave.

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Darkheart looked warily around the cave looking for a patch of white fur. "Darkheart?" Iceheart muttered making Darkheart jump. "Why did you go ahead of me?! You worried me sick!" Darkheart said while her fur fluffed with anger. "Sorry, I just wanted to see if I could get here quicker." Iceheart stated even though it sounded abousultely fake.

"Well, don't do it again. Come on to the moonstone." Darkheart snarled as they walked up to the stone. It's shine reflected around the cavern. "Touch your nose to it and you will meet Starclan." Darkheart stated laying down. Iceheart's body slowed down and soon, he was meeting Starclan. Darkheart gently shut her eyes and touched the stone.

{Iceheart's P.O.V}

The darkness swarmed over Iceheart like a hunting patrol on a mice frenzy. "Hello!" The tom yelled in the pitch black room. A sweet smelling aroma surrounded him as a sand colored cat padded up. Sandheart?! "Hello Iceheart." She stated her eyes glimmering with pride. "H-Hello, Sandheart?" Iceheart studdered coming up closer.

"I wanted to meet you as a full grown warrior. And now it has happened and I share important news." Sandheart purred making her self comfortable. "The clan is soon going to face a hardship. A pack of dogs, are coming to kill all the cats in the area so they can rule the forests. You must tell a cat named Bluefeather. She is in your clan, she normally goes on hunting patrols." Sandheart stated looking into Iceheart's brown pools.

"There isn't much time. You have a little bit more than a moon to help save your clan. There are 4 other cats you must gather. Each one from one of the other clans. Don't forget, you must fine Bluefeather. You are allowed to assist her on her journey. Tell only

Darkheart and Bluefeather. Good bye, my dear son. At least for now." Sandheart said padding away.

Iceheart yowled in dismay and tried to pad after her but the darkness swayed around him till a bursting like overpowered it. "Good your up." Darkheart said stretching her white paws. *Remember Bluefeather...* Iceheart looked around the cave. It looked less creepy at dawn. "I'm starving can we eat?" Iceheart whined. "On the way back." Darkheart mewed padding out of the cave.

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{*Bluefeather's P.O.V}*

Bluefeather lazily woke up due to the loud snoring of her denmates. She stretched and padded out of the den slightly closing her eyes due to the harsh light of the sun. "Hey there Bluefeather. " Rabbitfur said glaring at her. "Hey." She said cheerfully. "Lionclaw sent me to get you for a hunting patrol, if your up for it." Rabbitfur said meekly.

"Sure, let me just get the scraps of moss out of my fur." Bluefeather stated in a happy *mmrow* of laughter. "See you then!" Rabbitfur said padding up with his tail swaying. Bluefeather quickly got out all the scrapes of moss and bounded down to the grassy ledge leading to the forest. *Another normal day....* She thought quickly meeting Rabbitfur and the others.

{Iceheart's P.O.V}

Iceheart padded after Darkheart as the she cat hopped along some fallen trees. "Wait up!" Iceheart yowled jumping after her. Darkheart slowed down her pace. "I thought you wanted food?" Darkheart stated trying to hold back laughter. "I'm gonna get you for that.." Iceheart grumbled along with his stomach. Darkheart picked up speed then slowed down at the smell of a fresh squirrel. With a quick but light stalk, Darkheart batted it on the side of the head and in one blow, she gracefully took it's life.

"Nice!" Iceheart said, astonished. "Thanks." Darkheart mewed giving her a swift lick to her chest to cover her embarrassment. The two cats ate the squirrel peacefully. Then they set off towards the camp.

{*Spottedcherry's P.O.V}*

Spottedcherry licked her tan patch on the bottom of her belly and looked around. Mossclan wasn't normally as busy as it was today. She stood up and asked Mudstar to see if she could start a hunting patrol since the clan was running low on food. Mudstar nodded and she set off to find two other cats. She picked Snowtail and and Sunflower and went to the lake. "Ready to start fishing?" Spottedcherry asked as a fish flopped into the air.

She quickly snagged it with her paw and flipped it on the ground. She slit her claw out carefully and she made a clean blow to the fish. Snowtail and Sunflower both had a *mmrow* of amusement as another fish came up. By the time they were done, they had a big load. They dragged all the kill back to the camp entrance, where a apprentice, Mousepaw, helped them with the rest.

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{Cherrywish's P.O.V}

Cherrywish looked around the small gorge on where Mossclan lived. It was a simple yet giant rocky area with a wide amount of water and fishes surrounding it. A sharp yowl from Tallonstar called all the cats to the stone pile. "Cats of Mossclan, we must go to the gathering very shortly. The cats I have selected to come are Brownear, Echofoot, Waterpelt, Maplepaw, Foxpaw, and Cherrywish." He said flicking his eyes to his deputy.

Finally a gathering with her own apprentice, Foxpaw! She looked at the apprentice, who was practically bouncing with joy for his first gathering. Cherrywish let out a *mrrow* of amusement and went to gather her apprentice for some hunting.

{***Spottedcherry's P.O.V***}

Mousepaw dragged in a few fish. She swayed her tail in delight after she was done. "Nice job, you can take a rest now Mousepaw." Spottedcherry purred while taking a plump thrush from the fresh kill pile. "Want to sit together?" A tom called to her with his tail waving. "Sure Firestorm." Spottedcherry exclaimed happily dragging her fresh kill over to him.

There were rumors around the camp that Firestorm liked her, but she wanted to wait to see if it was true. The two cats padded to a sunny spot in camp and layed down. Spottedcherry took a bite of the fresh kill then ate it all in a few more bites. She could feel Firestorm's glare on her, she was a little bit embarrassed at how long he stared.

He ate the fish he had when he saw her and stretched out. " How was hunting?" He asked really into the start of the conversation. "It was okay, we caught tons of fish." Spottedcherry stated with a yawn ending it. "It looks like your tired." Firestorm stated with a *mrrow* of laughter. Spottedcherry felt so relaxed she didn't want to go to the warriors den to sleep.

"A little bit. But I can stay up till night." She meowed licking her paws. "Ok." He said simply gazing up at the orange sky. "Tonights the gathering." He meowed looking into her pools. It was burning into her. You could see the affection in his eyes. Spottedcherry stretched and pushed the bones of the thrush away.

"Want to take a nap before we go to the gathering?" Firestorm suggested brushing his pelt against hers. "Sure, I could use it, and one last thing." Spottedcherry said with a gleam of amusement. "What?" Firestormed said looking surprised. "I'll beat you to the den!" Spottedcherry said with a *mrrow* of laughter, kicking up her legs and springing into a dash to the warriors den. "No fair!" Firestorm yowled from the spot.

She avoided the loose twigs and hopped into the warriors den breathing heavily. She sat down for a second only to feel a tail brush her fur. "That wasn't fair!" Firestorm whined with a enjoyable tone. "Was too. We can do a lap around the island for the gathering if your up to it." Spottedcherry said brushing her tail against his muzzle.

"Fine. Now it's time to sleep." He said yawning. Spottedcherry padded to her spot and felt Firestorm lay next to her. She gently closed her eyes and drifted off to sleep,

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{Leafstar's P.O.V}

Leafstar yowled off the high rock summoning the clan. "Tonight is the gathering, and the cats who I chose to come with me are, Bluefeather,Tricklefoot,Rainfeather,Embercloud, Gorsetail,Lynxtail, Echoface, Raventrot, Wolfpaw, Ivypaw, and Littlepaw." Leafstar stated looking straight at each cat as she named them. " That will be all." Leafstar mewed padding down toward the medicine cat den.

When she passed the nursery she heard all the kits whining to their mothers. "Why can't we go to the gathering!" Yellowkit whined. "Yeah why!" Her siblings, Blossomkit and Frostkit chimed in. "Because. Your not old enough to go to the gatherings. Your only 3 moons old." Cherrydapple meowed pushing the kits back into the nursery with her tail. Leafstar let out a small *mmrow* of laughter at the kits.

Embercloud quickly walked past Leafstar and meowed "Tricklefoot! I can't believe we are going to the gathering!" Tricklefoot happily nodded his head and they walked away.

She continued on the way to the medicine cat's den where Iceheart was padding around the den organizing the herbs with Darkheart. "Darkheart, may I borrow Iceheart from you for just a second?" Leafstar meowed curling her tail. "Sure." Darkheart nodded and Iceheart padded toward Leafstar. "Yes Leafstar" Iceheart said looking troubled.

"I was just wondering, did you ever go to the moonpool yet?" Leafstar questioned licking her forepaw. "No Leafstar." Iceheart said solemly. "Maybe after the gathering, I can ask the clan leaders to see if we can have the medicine cats go to the moonpool. I know it's not a half moon but I think you should go." Leafstar said concern burning into Iceheart's eyes. "Thanks Leafstar!" Iceheart meowed his eyes burning with excitement.

{Iceheart's P.O.V}

Iceheart felt excitement rush throughout his body going to the moonpool. "You can go back to your duties now Iceheart." Leafstar said padding out of the den. "Darkheart, do you think we can meet Melodyfur and Quillfoot at the gathering?" Iceheart asked licking his fur down. Melodyfur was Dawn clan's amazing medicine cat while Quillfoot was the skilled Mossclan medicine cat.

"Maybe." Was all she said before walking out of the den. Darkheart hasn't been herself lately, she has been very quite.

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{Leafstar's P.O.V}

Leafstar waded through the cold water to the island for the gathering. Lionclaw was dropping his pace to help the elders, Rainfeather and Gorsetail. Leafstar jumped to hear Bluefeather beside her. "Hey." The blue-gray she cat meowed. "Hi." Leafstar said hopping out of the water. "Rainfeather looks so fragile. Do you think he can make it?" Bluefeather mewed her eyes full of fright for the old tom.

"I surely hope so." Leafstar muttered as they dashed to the island. "Come on Rainfeather, just a little bit farther." Lionclaw meowed gently nudging the elder upon the island. Rainfeather wheezed and kept trudging on. Darkheart came over to Rainfeather with a ball of wet moss and ordered him to drink it. Gorsetail padded up and lightly stroked him with her tail.

Leafstar shook her head from the distraction and quickly ran up over toward the high stone to meet the other leaders. *He will be fine...* Leafstar convinced herself and padded up to Tallonstar, Gentlestar, and Wolfstar. "Hello Leafstar." Gentlestar mewed happily waving her tail. Tallonstar and Wolfstar nodded their heads in agreement. "Shall we start?" Wolfstar grunted. He always had a short temper, but that made him good to lead Fire Clan. Leafstar dipped her head and the 4 cats yowled off the high rock.

"May I start?" Wolfstar whispered. They all nodded in agreement.

"Cats of all clans, Fire Clan has important news about dogs. There is a pack running through our hills!" He yowled and all the cats started speaking. "We don't know if it ran out of our land but we wanted to warn you--" Wolfstar said but was intrupted by a loud barking sound. Dogs!

"Run!" Leafstar yowled as a dog came in yapping. It snarled and ran towards Rainfeather. "No!" Leafstar hissed and plowed straight into the dogs ribs. The dogs jaws snapped at Leafstar, but she was too quifck.Soon there were more sounds of dogs barking. Three dogs came dashing through the side of the island, snarling and barking while Leafstar fought the first dog. "Star Clan help me!" Leafstar yowled frantically.

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Lionclaw's P.O.V

"Wolfstar, Leafstar is against four dogs! We need to do something!" Lionclaw yowled as he heard Leafstar shriek. Wolfstar sighed and grabbed two warriors. "Tigerfur and Lillytail listen to Lionclaw."

"Embercloud, Littlepaw, Ivypaw, and Bluefeather, come here please." Lionclaw said twitching his tail anxiously. "Yarrowpelt and Lightningoak, help them please." Gentlestar meowed. Tallonstar gave another two warriors and Lionclaw flicked his tail in thanks. "Let's go!" Lionclaw snarled and gave a battle call. Lionclaw dashed forward to see Leafstar covered in blood, in the corner hissing to a dog that was snapping it's jaws at her.

Lionclaw hissed and sheathed his claws. He dashed forward and scratched the dogs hind legs and it yowled in frustration and turned toward Lionclaw. "Thanks!" Leafstar meowed quickly while scraping the dogs belly. Blood was shed all over the dogs pelt. It snarled one more time trying to bite Lionclaw till Leafstar scratched it's nose fiercely. The dog whimpered and dashed away.

Leafstar and Lionclaw split up and Lionclaw went straight over to Yarrowpelt who was pushed into the great tree by the dogs massive claws. Lionclaw set out a yowl in rage and raked the dogs side. It's jaws snapped and got a bit of his tail. He yowled in pain till he felt the dogs massive jaws release him. Yarrowpelt bit the dogs leg with all her might while the dog tried to shake her off.

Lionclaw raked the dogs belly, trying to avoid the piercing pain in his tail. Yarrowpelt had a gash along her hind leg. The dog whimpered in pain as the mutt rain away limping. Embercloud, Bluefeather, and Lightningoak were working on the massive brown dog. It easily swatted Embercloud away and she whimpered as she rolled down the hill. "Help!" Leafstar yelled her, Ivypaw, Littlepaw,

and Yarrowpelt, were stuck in a rocky area as a dog snapped his jaws at them

“You mangy mutts!” Lionclaw snarled and dashed head first into the dog’s ugly side. It poured blood onto Lionclaw. It was horribly wet and sticky but it was worth saving Leafstar and the other four cats. Suddenly the dog’s jaws harshly clamped down on Lionclaw’s tail as he blacked out…

Leafstar’s P.O.V

“No!” Leafstar yowled as the dog grasped Lionclaw’s limp body in it’s horrible mouth. The dogs eyes glared with amusement as it flung Lionclaw across the clearing. “Now you’ve done it!” Leafstar screeched launching at the dog. She bit into the dog’s chest fur roughly as Yarrowpelt yowled for help, and a medicine cat. Suddenly she felt someone’s teeth make contact with her scruff. It isn’t hard enough to be the dog… Leafstar thought.

“You can’t fight forever, we need to take a break! Don’t be a crazy fur ball! More help is on the way!” Yarrowpelt meowed with a face full of fur. “Never! Not after what the mouse-brained mutt did to Lionclaw!” Leafstar snarled using all her power to break out of Yarrowpelt’s grip. Bluefeather joined beside Leafstar to get back at the mutt. “Lionclaw…” Leafstar muttered. “It’ll be ok. Darkheart dragged him out of danger, he is still alive.”

“Good…” Leafstar said hazily ramming back into the dog. She bit the front leg while Bluefeather bit the dogs hind leg. If Lionclaw isn’t okay, hurting this piece of mouse dung will get revenge! Leafstar thought continuing to bite down. Leafstar and Bluefeather released their grip on the dog while it cried out in pain. “That will teach it to mess with my deputy!” Leafstar hissed glaring with fury at the dog.

Bluefeather and Leafstar watched the dog whimper away. Embercloud padded up looking patched up with a cobweb over her shoulder. “ I need to see Lionclaw.” Leafstar muttered. “Fine, but we are going with you no matter what.” Bluefeather mewed placing

her tail gently on Leafstar's shoulders. What about Rainfeather?! Leafstar remembered.

"Is Rainfeather okay?" Leafstar asked ashamed that she forgot about the old tom. "Yes, but he is a little shaken. Stormwhisker gave him some poppy seeds to calm him from the shock." Embercloud said while glaring at her gash. Stormwhisker was Dawnclan's medicine cat. Leafstar-took a shaky breath and slowly padded towards Darkheart. Lionclaw was lying still….

Leafstar dashed toward the beautiful golden tom. Starclan, please don't let him die.. I beg of you! Leafstar prayed and laid next to him. She felt Darkheart's gaze burning into her but she didn't care. All she wanted was for Lionclaw to be all right. Lionclaw had low, steady breathing telling her he was asleep. Leafstar finally felt at ease. Thank you Starclan! She meowed and closed her eyes then went to sleep.

Darkheart's P.O.V

Darkheart felt at ease to see Leafstar sleeping. She padded over to Lionclaw and listened to his breathing to see if he was alright. His breathing was still steady. She was glad that Leafstar was at ease. Darkheart basically relaxed and placed a cobweb on his injured shoulder. He slightly shifted his paws gently touching Leafstar. She didn't wake luckily.

"Darkheart, we need some help with Yarrowpelt's injuries." Quillfoot purred, her amber pools looking concerned. Darkheart padded toward Yarrowpelt while Iceheart joined her side. "I brought you some cobwebs." Iceheart purred. "Thank you." Darkheart mewed touching her nose to her apprentices nose. "Can you patch up Leafstar and Lionclaw for me?" Darkheart meowed grabbing a few cobwebs.

"Sure!" The tom said dashing with the remaining cobwebs in his mouth. Ivypaw and Littlepaw padded over towards the lake trying to wash off the smell of dog blood. Yarrowpelt was yowling in pain as her gash had some marigold pressed on to it. "Please don't

yowl.” Quillfoot soothed, fragilely rubbing her tail against the senior warriors’ head. Yarrowpelt whimpered but kept her mouth quiet. A small grey cat rubbed his muzzle on the old she cat.

“Sorry Darkheart, Dewpaw already helped me with her.” Quillfoot said guiltily tilting her head. “It’s fine. I should check on Ivypaw and Littlepaw.” She mewed. Quillfoot flicked her tail in departure. While Darkheart padded toward the apprentices. “You fought hard.” Darkheart praised the two apprentices, possibly scaring them out of their pelts. “Thank you.” Ivypaw said, licking her fur trying to cover her embarrassment.

“Thanks Darkheart!” Littlepaw mewed his eyes boldly impressed with his praise. “I will talk to your mentors and Leafstar to see if you can both get your warrior ceremony.” Darkheart meowed twitching her tail happily. The two apprentices squealed with excitement and twined their tails together without noticing.

Darkheart waved her tail in goodbye and went to check on Iceheart. Hope he didn’t wake them. Darkheart thought but she was too late. Leafstar was up. Darkheart sighed and glared at Lionclaw. He was stirring. “ You didn’t need to wake them up.” Darkheart meowed glumly. “Leafstar woke up sort of with a spasm, almost hitting Lionclaw’s wound, yet she was also meowing loudly in her sleep.” Iceheart finished.

“You okay Leafstar?” Darkheart said padding up to her. “Yeah, just a nightmare about what just happened.” Leafstar sighed and looked up to the Silverpelt. There was a long silence till there was a moan from Lionclaw. “Iceheart, please fetch some wet moss for Lionclaw.” Darkheart ordered bleakly. He nodded and padded away.

Lionclaw’s P.O.V

Lionclaw felt comforted by Leafstar sitting next to him. He let a purr escape by her beauty in the moonlight. A sharp pain in his tail made him moan again. Leafstar pushed her muzzle against his. “I hope you’ll know that I got that dog back for you.” Leafstar

snickered happily. “Thank you…” Lionclaw muttered affectionally pushing his muzzle against hers. Leafstar left her muzzle lying against his while he fell into a quiet slumber.

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Lionclaw's POV.

Lionclaw shivered as a cold gust of air woke him up on the hill. Leafstar's pelt ruffled, but she didn't wake up.*Ugh, i'm so sore.* Lionclaw thought as he stood up. "Hey Lionclaw!" a familiar mew sounded behind him. "Oh hey Dawnpaw." Lionclaw said coolily, thinking how he forgot about his apprentice. "How are you feeling? That dog shook you very hard last night." Dawnpaw exclaimed, touching noses with her mentor.

"A little sore, thats about it." Lionclaw replied. "Leafstar was worried sick about you, she was fretting, and practically nipping the medicine cats' tails to see if you were gonna live." Dawnpaw said. "Oh really now?" Lionclaw meowed cocking his head. "Yes." Another voice said behind him, making him jump. It was Darkheart! " Leafstar is in love with you, by the way she was acting." Darkheart said, her blue eyes swelled with hurt.

"Are you okay Darkheart?" Lionclaw asked the beautiful she-cat. Dawnpaw silently padded up next to him. "Yes, just got to check on how-" Darkheart paused in mid sentance then looked away. "You were, that's all." Darkheart continued her eyes still filled with hurt. "I'm just sore, that's all." Lionclaw said awkwardly shifting his paws. "I'll have Iceheart get you some Goldenrod poultice back at camp." Darkheart muttered padding away.

"I think she likes you." Dawnpaw whispered in his ear. Lionclaw nodded "I do too." he said not releazing what he said. "The medicine cat loves you.. Isn't that forbidden?" Dawnpaw said, puzzled at the situation. "Yes, I don't get how she could love me. I'm not the best cat around the camp. Plus, it's forbidden for her to love." Lionclaw stated, twitching his tail. "Well, it seems like you have two she-cats on your paws. Try not to offend either of them." Dawnpaw said staring at her mentor.

"Gosh, I don't know what they see in me!" Lionclaw muttered laying down painfully. "I'll go get Iceheart for you." Dawnpaw mewed dashing towards the lake's edge. A few seconds later, Iceheart came padding up. "Hey Lionclaw. I brought you the golden rod poultice for you early, because Dawnpaw seemed urgent." Iceheart meowed cheerfully. "Thanks Iceheart." Was all Lionclaw said because he slowly drifted to sleep.

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Chapter 11.

{***CONTEST!:*** Whoever can draw their favorite cat in this story, and send it into me by 6/1/11, gets a GIANT part in this story! Email me at xoxlotagxox@aim.com for more details!}

Rosepetal's POV

Rosepetal stretched her legs and shivered as a cold breeze flew through the nursery. *Where is everyone?* She thought peering around. *Where's Oakfur?* She wondered. Oakfur is her mate, she is expecting kits. "We're back!" A yowl said from the camp entrance. Rosepetal padded up to the den entrance trying not to bump her swollen belly. A flash of brown a black fur caught her eye as the tom padded towards her.

"Hey Rosepetal!" He mewed twining his tail with hers. "Hi Oakfur! What happened at the gathering?" Rosepetal asked sitting down. "Oh, well um.." He started. "A pack of dogs ramparded through the middle of it." Oakfur said looking at the camp entrance. "Ohh!! Those mouse brain dogs! If I ever see one i'll rip it's pelt off!" Rosepetal hissed. "Oh no you won't, your expecting kits." Oakfur meowed gently nudging her belly.

"Was anyone hurt?" She asked. "Lionclaw was badly injured, but he's slowly recovering." Oakfur stated. The rest of the AshClan padded through the entrance. Rosepetal found Darkheart. Her best friend looked deep with pain as she ran towards the medicine cat den. "Could you do me a favor?" Rosepetal asked curling her tail.

"Sure, what is it?"

"Could you ask the apprentices to fetch fresh moss and re-make the nursery wall? I could feel the breeze from almost every angle!"

"Okay, i'll go tell them now." Oakfur said padding away towards the apprentice den. Rosepetal stood up and headed towards the medicine cat's den. "Hey Rosepetal! How are you?" Flowerwing

asked, she was the youngest elder. "Okay, I guess. I gotta go see Darkheart. Can I talk to you later?" Rosepetal meowed. The elder checked her, then nodded.

Rosepetal quickened her pace then went dashed into the Medicine cat den. "Darkheart?" She mewed looking for her friend. "I'm over here." A voice replied into the sunlit cavern. She padded towards the voice and found Darkheart laying there with her fur all ruffled. "Are you okay?" Rosepetal said concerninly. Darkheart sighed then shook her head.

"What's wrong?" Rosepetal said brushing her tail along her friend's flank. "Well; I sort of.." Darkheart paused. "Love someone in the clan." Darkheart meowed closing her eyes. "Isn't it forbidden?" Rosepetal questioned. Darkheart nodded then opened her eyes. "But I truly love him! I feel as if I made a fool out of myself." The brown she cat muttered pushing her paws over her eyes.

"Aww. It's okay, you can trust me, who is the lucky tom?" Rosepetal said.

"Lionclaw."

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Chapter 12.

Rosepetal's POV

Rosepetal popped her head up and she heard yowling. She shook her pelt then padded towards the camp entrance to see why all the cats were crowding it. Iceheart was shaking. "Iceheart," Rosepetal said pushing her way through the crowd. "What happened?" Rosepetal said stroking her tail lightly down the tom's bank.

"D-D-Darkheart was taken by twolegs!" Iceheart said, his legs collapsing from trembling so much. "What?!" Rosepetal wailed. She sunk her claws deep into the soil. "I tried to save her.. But the twolegs picked her up too quick!" Iceheart meowed, looking as fragile as a sick kit. "Outrageous!" some cat yelled in the crowd.

"No! Not my kit! Darkheart!" Heatherflower; Darkheart's mother cried.

Leafstar padded down from her den casually. "Iceheart, explain what happened loudly." She ordered.

"Darkheart and I were out collecting herbs by the twoleg place, because that was the best place for catmint and juniper berries."

Leafstar's eyes were interested in the story; with the slightest hint of fear.

"Well; I dashed ahead of Darkheart and she yowled at me to come back." Iceheart paused. "Then a twoleg came rushing out the door, pointing at us. I ran away as fast as I can; leaving the herbs. But Darkheart wanted them just in case." Iceheart continued.

"Then,Darkheart was picked up by the twoleg!" Iceheart panted. Shrieks arose from the camp wall.

"Ashclan!" Leafstar said after the noise died down; hopping onto the High rock. "We will send a battle patrol at once, for the return of

our medicine cat!"

Chapter 13.

Darkheart's P.O.V

"Iceheart! Send for help!" Darkheart wailed frantically squirming in the twolegs arms. Darkheart hissed at the twoleg as it brought her closer to it's paws. *Oh no! It's taking me towards a monster!* Darkheart mewed as it's shiny metal glared. The twoleg opened it's door, and put down the frigtened-she cat. Darkheart tried to jump out but the twoleg shut the monster's door too quick! "No! I need to get back to my clan!" Darkheart unsheathed her claws scratched the door, trying to break it; but it only made tiny claw marks.

Then suddenly, the twoleg climbed into the monster. She stuck this weird stick inside the monster and it roared. "Starclan, help me!" Darkheart meowed as the monster started moving. She suddenly felt the soft ground against her pads and she dug her claws into it. Darkheart suddenly felt tired.*I got to try to sleep. The monster has me and theres nothing else I can do!* Darkheart thought grimly.

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Another voice came. "It's alright Stripes. She's friendly." Dustpaw meowed. Stripes poked his head out from the corner of a twoleg device. Dustpaw explained to the kittypetwho she was and Stripes looked at her nervously. "We need a plan to escape. I've been here too long!" Dustpaw said unsheating his claws and digging them into twoleg material.

"Let's go over to the window over there." Stripes meowed. Dustpaw and I looked at each other puzzled. Stripes sighed and flicked his tail toward the window. Suddenly, a muffled yowling noise came from outside. It sounded like "Darkheartt". Someone was calling her! She looked through the window and found Lionclaw,Leafstar,Iceheart,Rosepetal,Oakfur, and Bluefeather.

Darkheart carefully unsheathed her claws and scratched it against the window. Rosepetal's head instantly turned towards the window. Her face light up with joy! "Dustpaw! We are getting out of here!" Darkheart meowed happily.

Stripes looked around cautiously and sat down. "Stripes! You practically just saved us! Thank you so much!" Darkheart gave the tom a friendly lick. Stripes' licked his chest fur with embarresment. Leafstar pounced scratching the window with her claw, but it only made small scratch. Lionclaw and Bluefeather turned and ran into the twoleg garden. *What are they doing?!*

Suddenly a giant branch came back with Lionclaw and Bluefeather grasping it in their jaws. Leafstar mewed something and then everyone grabbed hold of it. ***SMASH!***

The window busted open! "We're free!" Dustpaw yowled in triumph. Darkheart jumped out the window with Dustpaw right on her tail. "Ouch!" Darkheart yowled in pain as Dustpaw's claw rammed into her tail. "Sorry!" Dustpaw said jumping back. "Darkheart!" Iceheart meowed frantically touching noses with her mentor. "Welcome back Darkheart." Leafstar said approvingly. "And whose this?"

"Leafstar, this is Dustpaw. The apprentice from DawnClan who was missing two moons ago." Darkheart explained. "Well it's good to have you both back then." Lionclaw chirped like a chaffinch."It's a great day for me, no more eating that dull twoleg food! I could go

for a nice rabbit!" Dustpaw meowed happily.

"Well, you can eat when we're all back at camp." Leafstar declared. *Thank you StarClan.* Darkheart meowed a silent prayer to the magnificent ancestors.

Chapter 14.

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Darkheart's POV

"Wolfstar, we have company." A sleek black tom named Shadowroot spat leading the cats towards the leader's den. Wolfstar poked his head out and snarled. "Clan cats, and a kittypet? What is the meaning of this Leafstar." Wolfstar moved forward. "DUSTPAW!" A frantic she-cat mew sounded from the crowding cats around them.

"Willowmoon?" Dustpaw's head perked up. "Dustpaw?" Hushed whispers went through the Dawn Clan camp. "Move! I want to see my kit!" Willowmoon's voice wailed pushing her way through the cats. "Impossible. Dustpaw was proven missing two moons ago." Wolfstar growled stiffly. "Dustpaw!" Willowmoon whimpered pressing her head lovingly against her kit's head. "Where have you been? I was worried sick!" Willowmoon meowed pressing her nose against his own.

"That is Dustpaw! Dustpaw! Over here!" A red tom yowled from the crowd. "Redpaw!" Dustpaw mewed happily! "Enough! This clearly is a cat the resembles Dustpaw! It's not actually him! It's a kittypet!" Wolfstar snarled viciously. "Wolfstar. It's your own son. Can't you even reconize him?" Willowmoon soothingly mewed.

"Wolfstar. It's truly him. He was kidnapped by twolegs like I was." Darkheart meowed calmly moving forward. "Where's Grayfoot?" Dustpaw looked around curiously. "I'm sorry, Grayfoot passed on when a boulder fell on him." Willowmoon meowed gravily stroking her tail gently on his back. Dustpaw's eyes sank.

"Dustpaw, Willowmoon, in my den now. Thank you Ashclan." Wolfstar meowed curtly. "Shadowroot, show AshClan to the border." Shadowroot nodded as the AshClan cats quietly followed behind, not murmering a word about what just happened.

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Hey everyone! I'm back.. School is killing me. TRUST ME. During the summer, i'll be bored and i'll be posting a lot of stories. This youtube video connected to it is Pokemon music, yes. I have a urge to play it like I did during 5th period. Muahahahahaha.